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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	TISHA D. LEWIS	3681	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 December 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The following is a first action on the merits of application serial no. 10/707,331, filed on December 5, 2003.

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed on December 5, 2003 has been acknowledged.

Drawings

Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In the claim 1, line 2, the term "type" to an otherwise definite expression extends the scope of the expression (planetary gear) so as to render it indefinite, see MPEP 2173.05(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable by Mendel ('132). As to claim 1, Mendel discloses a gas turbine arrangement (column 5, line 45) having, a planetary transmission (1) with a fixed planet carrier (23), and an arrangement for driving at least one auxiliary unit (compressor), the auxiliary unit being operatively connected to a planet wheel shaft (9, 9a) forming part of the transmission.

As to claim 2, Mendel discloses the auxiliary unit being directly connected to the planet wheel shafts via rotors (13).

As to claim 6, Mendel discloses that multiple auxiliary units can be directly connected to each planet wheel shaft (9, 9a).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mendel.

Mendel discloses the auxiliary unit mounted around the transmission casing (1), but not built into the transmission as claimed.

It would have been an obvious design choice to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to build the auxiliary unit of Mendel into the transmission casing to reduce axial length of the arrangement, since applicant in the specification (page 7, paragraph [0018]) suggest that the auxiliary unit can be built inside the transmission or other auxiliary units can be mounted outside the transmission.

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mendel in view of Howes et al ('406). Mendel discloses an auxiliary unit in the form of a compressor, not an oil pump or oil separator as claimed.

Howes et al discloses a gas turbine arrangement having a planetary transmission (504) running an oil pump (237) and an oil separator (791).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the auxiliary unit of Mendel with an oil pump or separator in view of Howes et al to provide oil under pressure to the gas turbine or separate clean and dirty oil for re-lubrication of the gas turbine.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mendel in view of the Prior Art drawing Figure 1. Mendel discloses a gas turbine arrangement, but does not disclose a generator in the arrangement as claimed.

The prior art drawing discloses a gas turbine arrangement using a generator (35) stationarily arranged on shaft (9) to generator electrical power.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Mendel with a generator in view of the prior art drawing to generate electrical power to the gas turbine for regenerative braking purposes or restarting the turbine.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

-Antonov ('778), Schwertberger ('886), Kronogard ('057), Klaue ('399), Stegherr ('805), Stearns ('920), Hawkins ('388), Kronogard ('019), Kugel et al ('162), Addie ('351), Goudreau et al ('377), Klingels ('849), Inoue et al ('997), Meyer et al ('906) and Turra et al ('125) are cited as having a gas turbine arrangement using a planetary transmission to run auxiliary units.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TISHA D. LEWIS whose telephone number is 703-305-0921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur 8 AM TO 3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHARLES A. MARMOR can be reached on 703-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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